

# Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Commissioners

**Date:** April 11, 2007

**From:** John F. Barna, Jr.  
Executive Director

**File No:** Ref. Agenda 2.2c.  
ACTION

**Ref:** **APPROVAL OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION– ROUTE 405 – SUSAN STREET EXIT FROM NORTHBOUND ROUTE 405 IN COSTA MESA, ORANGE COUNTY (ND) RESOLUTION E-07-05**

**Issue:** Should the Commission approve the City of Costa Mesa's Final Negative Declaration for the Susan Street Exit Ramp project off I-405 at the Susan Street/IKEA intersection in Costa Mesa, Orange County?

**Recommendation:** Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-07-05. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution for the Negative Declaration, prior to considering a road connection request to Route 405 by the proponent of the proposed project.

This project would construct a northbound exit ramp about 0.4 miles beyond the Route 73 merge ramp onto I-405. The proposed exit ramp would connect to the southern extension Susan Street at the IKEA driveway intersection. The exit ramp is estimated to cost \$1.5 million and is fully funded from local sources. Construction would begin in FY 2007-08.

**Background:** A Final Negative Declaration has been completed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project:

- Susan Street Exit Ramp project of I-405 at the Susan Street/IKEA intersection in Costa Mesa, Orange County.

Commission staff received the Final Negative Declaration. The Commission's approval and the resulting filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachment

CTCmemo 0407 Route 405 Susan St Exit Rd Connection Final ND.doc

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **Resolution for Approval of Negative Declaration To Permit Consideration of Road Connection And Construction of the Susan Street Exit at I-405 in Costa Mesa**

#### **Resolution E-07-05**

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the City of Costa completed a Final Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project:
- City of Costa Mesa – Susan Street Exit Ramp project from I-405 to the Susan Street/IKEA intersection in Costa Mesa, Orange County.
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Negative Declaration; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS**, the City of Costa Mesa has considered the record taken as a whole and found that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse impact on wildlife resources or habitat.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approves the:
- Negative Declaration for the Susan Street Exit Ramp project from I-405 to the Susan Street/IKEA intersection in Costa Mesa, Orange County and that the Commission will consider a road connection request to I-405.